

Senate Study Bill 1174 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES AND
ENVIRONMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON ROZENBOOM)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the commercial and noncommercial harvest of
2 turtles, including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.67, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2017,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
4 the natural resource commission shall adopt rules pursuant to
5 chapter 17A establishing seasons and daily catch limits for the
6 noncommercial harvest of turtles in any waters of the state
7 pursuant to [section 483A.28](#). Seasons established pursuant to
8 this subsection shall not apply to the noncommercial harvest of
9 snapping turtles. The commission shall adopt rules providing
10 that beginning on June 15, 2018, the annual season for the
11 noncommercial harvest of turtles shall begin on June 15 and end
12 on May 15.

13 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
14 the natural resource commission shall adopt rules pursuant to
15 chapter 17A establishing seasons and daily catch limits for
16 the commercial harvest of turtles in any waters of the state.
17 The commission shall adopt rules providing that beginning on
18 June 15, 2018, the annual season for the commercial harvest of
19 turtles shall begin on June 15 and end on May 15, and the annual
20 possession limit for the commercial harvest of turtles shall be
21 three thousand five hundred turtles for a person who is legally
22 licensed to harvest commercial turtles.

23 Sec. 2. RESCISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

24 1. The amendments to 571 Iowa administrative code,
25 chapter 86, as appearing in ARC 2951C, as published in the
26 Iowa administrative bulletin, volume XXXIX, number 17, dated
27 February 15, 2017, pp. 1685-1687, are rescinded.

28 2. As soon as practicable, the Iowa administrative code
29 editor shall restore the language of the Iowa administrative
30 code chapter referenced in subsection 1 of this section to the
31 language that existed on February 14, 2017.

32 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
33 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill relates to the noncommercial and commercial
3 harvest of turtles.

4 The bill requires the natural resource commission to adopt
5 rules providing that beginning on June 15, 2018, the annual
6 season for the noncommercial and commercial harvest of turtles
7 shall begin on June 15 and end May 15.

8 The bill also requires the commission to adopt rules
9 providing that the annual possession limit for the commercial
10 harvest of turtles is 3,500 turtles for a person who is legally
11 licensed to harvest commercial turtles.

12 The bill rescinds amendments to specified rules relating
13 to harvesting commercial and noncommercial turtles that were
14 published in the Iowa administrative code on February 15, 2017,
15 and directs the Iowa administrative code editor to restore the
16 language of the Iowa administrative code to the language that
17 existed on February 14, 2017.

18 The bill is effective upon enactment.